

Information on Programs and Grants for States and Communities

A Resource Guide to H.R. 1, the American
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U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program: **Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband**

Funding Agency: Rural Utilities Service

Federal Funding: \$2.5 billion

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure throughout the country. 75 percent of the area to be served by such funds shall be in a rural area without sufficient access to high speed broadband service.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov and <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

Program: **National School Lunch Program**

Funding Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Federal Funding: \$100 Million

Description: Funds will be provided to states administering a school lunch program in a manner proportional with each states administrative expense allocation. States shall then provide competitive grants to school food authorities based on the need for equipment assistance. From these grants, priority will be given to schools that have 50% or more of students that are eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals.

U.S. Department of Transportation

Program: **National Surface Transportation Supplemental Discretionary Grants**

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Funding: \$1.5 billion

Description: These funds will be used to award grants on a competitive basis for projects across all surface transportation modes that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded through competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Please visit www.grants.gov and http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/ as more information will be posted as it becomes available. Priority will be given to projects that require a contribution of federal funds in order to complete an overall financing package and to projects that can be completed within 3 years.

Program: **Public Transportation**

Funding Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Federal Funding: \$6.9 billion

Description: These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). 80% of the funding will be distributed through the FTA's urbanized formula, 10% of the funding will be through FTA's rural formula, and 10% will be through FTA's growing states and high density formula.

Program: **Rail Transportation: Intercity and High Speed**

Funding Agency: US Department of Transportation: Federal Railroad Administration

Federal Funding: \$8 billion

Description: Funds will be for the Capital Assistance to States Program and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program. The Capital Assistance to States Program is open for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Railroad Administration. Grant information will be available at www.grants.gov and <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>. Priority shall be given to projects that support the development of intercity high speed rail service.

Federal Agency: **Federal Aviation Administration**

Grants for Airports: \$1.1 billion

Description: In an effort to repair and improve the nation's airports, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$1.1 billion for airport infrastructure.

How to Apply: Funds will be used by the FAA to provide discretionary airport grants to repair and improve critical infrastructure at our nation's airports. Airports must be part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) to be eligible for funding. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within 2 years and serve to supplement and not supplant planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources. All projects must comply with subchapter 1 of chapter 471 and subchapter 1 of chapter 475 of title 49. For more information visit the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) website at <http://www.faa.gov>.

Federal Agency: **Federal Aviation Administration**

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Upgrade the FAA's power systems: \$50 million

Modernize aging en route air traffic control centers: \$50 million

Replace air traffic control towers and TRACONS: \$80 million

Install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment: \$20 million

How to Apply: Funds will be used by the FAA's discretion for the purposes listed above. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within 2 years.

Federal Agency: **Amtrak**

Amtrak funding: \$1.3 billion

How to Apply: This funding will solely be provided to Amtrak. Funds will be used by the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). \$450 million will be spent for security improvements. No more than 60% of the remaining funds will be spent in the Northeast Corridor. It requires that funds be awarded within 30 days of enactment and that all projects funded be completed within two years.

Federal Agency: **Federal Transit Administration**

Fixed Guideway

Infrastructure Funding: \$750 million

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed through an existing authorized formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems. For more information visit

http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html

Federal Agency: **Federal Transit Administration**

Capital Investment Grants

(New & Small Starts): \$750 million

Description: The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) discretionary New Starts program is the federal government's primary financial resource for supporting locally-planned, implemented, and operated transit "guideway" capital investments. From heavy to light rail, from commuter rail to bus rapid transit systems, the FTA's New Starts program has helped to make possible hundreds of new or extended transit fixed guideway systems across the country.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction. For more information visit

http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html.

Army Corps of Engineers Funding

Federal Agency: Army Corps of Engineers

Federal Funding: \$4.6 billion

Funding by Army Corps Program:

- Investigations: \$25 million
- Construction: \$2 billion
- Mississippi: \$375 million
- Operations and Maintenance: \$2.075 billion
- Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program: \$100 million

Description: The Corps of Engineers provides construction and operation and maintenance of the nation's flood control and navigation infrastructure, as well as the construction environmental restoration projects. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$4.6 billion in Recovery funding for backlogged projects.

Department of Commerce

Program: **Economic Development Assistance**

Funding Agency: Economic Development Administration

Federal Funding: \$150 million

Description: The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions like the Northern Border Regional Commission.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>

Program: **Broadband Technology Opportunities**

Funding Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Federal Funding: \$4.7 billion

Description: Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/> or <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>.

Program: **Scientific and Technical Research and Services**

Funding Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology

Federal Funding: \$780 million

Description: Of that total, \$360 million would be for research and development facility construction grants, and \$240 million for research grants, additional research fellowships and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies.

Department of Justice

Program: Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution

Funding Agency: Office on Violence against Women

Federal Funding: \$225 million

Description: Funding for Violence against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50 million is for transitional housing assistance grants.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government, non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply. Visit:

http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm for STOP Violence Against Women program and

http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm for the transitional housing assistance grants.

Program: Byrne Competitive Grants

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$225 million

Description: The funding is for competitive, peer-reviewed grants to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html> for more information.

Program: Rural Law Enforcement

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$125 million

Description: The funding is for grants to combat the persistent problems of drug-related crime in rural America. Funds are available on a competitive basis for drug enforcement and other law enforcement activities in rural states and rural areas, including for the hiring of police officers and for community drug prevention and treatment programs.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html> for more information.

Program: Victims Compensation

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Description: The funding is for formula grants to be administered through the Justice Department's Office for Victims for Crime to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide and other Federal and state crimes.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/> or

<http://www.jud.ct.gov/crimevictim/>.

Program: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: The funding will help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/> or

<http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=3#Funding> for more information.

Program: Byrne-Jag Assistance Grants

Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: The funding is allocated by formula to State and local law enforcement agencies to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the Department. Visit www.grants.gov and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html>.

Program: COPS Hiring Grants

Funding Agency: Community Oriented Policing Services

Federal Funding: \$1 billion U.S. (Conference Report)

Description: The grants will go to State, local, and tribal governments for the hiring of additional law enforcement officers, to be available until September 30, 2010.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>.

National Science Foundation

Program: Robert Noyce Scholarship Program

Funding Agency: National Science Foundation

Federal Funding: \$60 million

Description: The program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5733 or www.grants.gov.

Program: Math and Science Partnerships

Funding Agency: National Science Foundation

Federal Funding: \$25 million

Description: The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a major research and development effort that supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the mathematics and science performance of diverse student populations.

How to Apply: Institutions of higher education, local K-12 institutions and their local partners may apply for this competitive merit based grants. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5756&org=NSF or www.grants.gov.

Department of Education

Program: Impact Aid

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Description: This funding is for construction of schools that educate “federally-connected students or have federally-owned land.” Disbursement will be made to local school jurisdictions that are “financially burdened by federal activities.”

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=fp>.

Program: Innovation and Improvement

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: All the funding provided is for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) program. This program supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. A high-needs school is defined as a school with more than 30% of its enrollment from low-income families which is based on eligibility for free or reduced priced lunches or other poverty measures permitted by the state. Local Education Agencies including charter schools that are LEA's in the State may apply.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=rt> or <http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html>.

Program: Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research

Federal Funding: \$680 million

Description: \$540 million is available for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants and \$140 million for Independent Living Programs. Of the funding available for Independent Living Programs, \$18.2 million will go to State grants, \$87.5 million to Independent Living Centers and \$34.3 million for Services for Older Blind Individuals.

How to Apply: All registered vocational rehabilitation service providers may apply. For independent living programs, all non-profit organizations that run centers for independent living are eligible to apply. To apply for funding for Services for Older Blind Individuals, agencies serving individuals who are blind may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/programs/cil/index.html> or www.grants.gov.

Program: Institute of Education Sciences

Federal Funding: \$250 million

Description: Up to \$5 million may be used for State data coordinator and for awards to public or private organizations or agencies to improve data coordination.

How to Apply: Institutions of Higher Education may apply. Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp> or <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>.

Program: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Funding Agency: Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$53.6 billion

Description: Funding under this section will be provided to each state governor to help fund state priorities. The governor would be required to use at least 81% of the state's allocation to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the state. Please visit the U.S. Department of Education's website at <http://www.ed.gov/> and <http://www.recovery.gov> in the coming days for more information.

Program: School Improvement Programs

Funding Agency: Department of Education

Federal Funding: \$720 million

Description: \$650 million will go toward the Enhancing Education through Technology program and \$70 million for Homeless Children and Youth program. The Secretary of Education will provide each State a grant that is proportionate to the number of homeless students identified as such during 2007-2008 academic year relative to the number of homeless children nationally during the same year. States will award subgrants to local educational agencies on a competitive basis, or using a formula based on the number of homeless students identified in each school district in the state.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the federal agency and by the state.

Program: **Special Education**
Funding Agency: Department of Education
Federal Funding: \$12.2 billion

Description: \$11.3 billion will go toward section 611 of part B, \$400 million will go toward section 619 of part B, and \$500 million for part C of IDEA. The funds will be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for education. Within the amount provided for part C of IDEA, the Secretary of Education will reserve the amount needed for grants under section 643 (e), and allocated any remaining funds in accordance with section 643 (c) of IDEA.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the state.

Department of Homeland Security

Program: **State and Local Programs**
Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: \$150 million is for the Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance, including Amtrak security and \$150 million is for Port Security Grants. The bill waives the cost-share for Port Security Grants funded in this Act. Priority will be given to construction projects which address the most significant risks and can also be completed in a timely fashion.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency directly to transit agencies. Eligible agencies will be determined by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Visit

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/psgp/index.shtm#1> for Port Security Grants and

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/tsgp/index.shtm> for Transit Security Grants and www.grants.gov.

Program: **Firefighter Assistance Grants**
Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Funding: \$210 million

Description: Funding is provided for modifying, upgrading or constructing non-Federal fire stations, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per grant.

How to Apply: Local fire departments may apply through the Firefighter Assistance Grants Program. Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. Visit <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.

Program: **Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account**
Funding Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Funding: \$5 million

Description: These loans will apply to calendar year 2008 disasters to exceed \$5 million and equal no more than 50 percent of the operating budget of local governments if that government has suffered a loss of 25 percent or more in tax revenues.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by the federal agency. This program is available to areas that have received a disaster declaration at the federal level. Visit <http://www.fema.gov/government/recovery.shtml>.

Department of Defense

Program: **Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research**
Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: \$75 million each will be allocated to Army, Air Force, Navy and Defense-Wide for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation projects, including pilot projects, demonstrations and energy efficient manufacturing enhancements. Funds are for improvements in energy generation and efficiency, transmission, regulation, storage, and for use on military installations and within operational forces. Funding is to include

research and development of energy from fuel cells, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources to include biofuels and bioenergy.

How to Apply: Pursue a procurement opportunity with the Department of Defense.

http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/guide_to_dod_contracting_opportunities_us_20070425.pdf

Department Housing and Urban Development

Program: Supplemental Grants to Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs

Federal Funding: \$4 billion

Description: This funding will provide financial assistance to Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to implement much needed capital improvements in public housing.

How to Apply: \$3 billion would be administered through the current grant process and \$1 billion would be administered through a new competitive grant process. The new process would provide funding to projects that rehabilitate units to improve energy efficiency, that increase affordable housing projects that are ready-to-go, and address the housing needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Projects that can award contracts, based on bids, within 120 days from the date that funds are available to the recipients would be given priority. Details for the competitive grants will be available at www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov.

Program: Public Assisted Housing Stability and Energy Efficiency

Federal Funding: \$2.25 billion

Description: This funding provides funding for energy-efficient renovations and retrofits of Section 202, Section 811, and Section 8 units.

How to Apply: Public housing authorities are eligible to apply through a competitive bid process. A local housing agency can attach up to 20% of its voucher assistance to specific housing units if the owner agrees to either rehabilitate or construct the units, or the owner agrees to set-aside a portion of the units in an existing development. For further details and to apply visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov.

Program: HOME

Federal Funding: \$2.25 billion

Description: HOME is a flexible source of dollars for local jurisdictions, and funding provided through this account will help to rehabilitate and construct housing, as well as fill financing gaps caused by the credit freeze. There are thousands of ready-to-go housing projects that have been stalled due to the economic crisis. HOME will serve as a financing mechanism to fill the gaps left by the private market, and will spur construction jobs in the hard-hit homebuilding industry.

How to Apply: State and local governments are eligible to apply. For further details and to apply visit www.grants.gov or www.hud.gov.

Program: Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Description: The Emergency Food and Shelter Program began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation. The program was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. The program is governed by a national board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America. The Board is chaired by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

How to Apply: Additional money will be given to the organizations listed above. The national board will allocate these additional funds to local agencies through an established federal formula based on unemployment, population and poverty data.

Program: **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**
Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: Provides federal funding to counties and cities to address the foreclosure crisis. The funding was provided to local governments and states with high levels of foreclosure to purchase and rehabilitate vacant housing. The intent of the program is to eliminate blight and return vacant units to use as affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership opportunities.

How to Apply: The money will be distributed through formula to NSP entitlement communities.

Program: **Community Development Block Grants**
Funding Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development
Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Description: This is money that is distributed to states and counties for community development.

How to Apply: The money will be distributed through formula to entitlement communities.

Department of Health and Human Services

Program: **Community Health Centers**
Funding Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Federal Funding: \$500,000,000

Description: These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in the uninsured. Grants for new sites and services are to be two years in length. The Conferees specifically encourage funding currently approved community health centers applications.

How to Apply: This funding is for community health centers. Grants will be available through HRSA and will be awarded directly to community health centers. Community Health centers can apply through www.grants.gov or <http://www.hrsa.gov/>.

Program: **National Health Service Corp.**
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through HRSA
Federal Funding: \$300,000,000

Description: This funding will be used for extending service contracts and operations. Funding will also go to training programs for the primary care medicine and dentistry fund, the public health and preventative medicine program and scholarship

How to Apply: Additional information can be found at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>.

Program: **Head Start**
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$1 Billion

Description: The Head Start funds will be allocated according to current statutory formula. HHS will work with local Head Start grantees in order to manage these resources to sustain FY 09 awards through FY10.

How to Apply: For more information and to apply visit www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: **Early Head Start**
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$1.1 billion

Description: Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. Its mission is simple: to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, to enhance the development of very young children, and to promote healthy family functioning.

How to Apply: These will be competitive grants administered through the Department of Health and Human Services. Apply through www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: **Establish a New Initiative to award capacity building grants directly to nonprofits**
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$100,000,000

Description: This program will expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn.

How to Apply: The guidelines for the grant process will be established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. More information can be obtained at www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: **Health IT**
Federal Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$19.2 billion

Description: This bill promotes the use of health information technology (health IT), such as electronic health records, by: requiring the government to take a leadership role to develop standards by 2010 that allow for the nationwide electronic exchange and use of health information to improve quality and coordination of care; investing \$19 billion in health information technology infrastructure and Medicare and Medicaid incentives to encourage doctors, hospitals, and other providers to use health IT to electronically exchange patients' health information; and strengthening Federal privacy and security law to protect identifiable health information from misuse as the health care sector increases use of health IT.

How to Apply: Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive these benefits through their CMS reimbursements. Other medical agencies and services can apply for grants through the Department of Health and Human Services to offset the cost of implementing HIT. To apply go to www.hhs.gov or www.grants.gov.

Program: **National Institute of Health (NIH)**
Federal Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$10 billion

Description: \$1 billion of the total allotted money will be distributed as competitive grants through the NIH National Center for Research. These grants will be awarded for construction and renovation of external research facilities.

How to Apply: For additional information and to apply for a grant visit www.grants.gov or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>.

Program: **Childcare and Development Block Grants**
Funding Agency: Administration for Children and Families
Federal Funding: \$2 Billion

Description: The funding for these grants will be distributed to states for quality improvements for infant and toddler care. This additional funding will enable states to provide child care assistance for an additional 300,000 children in low-income working families who have been suffering from the economic downturn, and is estimated that it will generate paid employment for roughly 125,000 caregivers.

Program: **Home: Delivered Nutrition Services**
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$32 Million

Description: Programs that bring nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.

How to Apply: There is a federal formula that is used to distribute this funding to states. States will automatically receive the funding for disbursement.

Program: **Community Services Block Grants**
Funding Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Funding: \$1 billion

Description: The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) is a formula grant that provides funds to States, Territories, and federally and State-recognized Indian tribes/tribal organizations so that they may provide supportive services and activities to assist low-income individuals and families to become self-sufficient. Typically, States fund these services by making sub-grants to locally based Community Action Agencies and other eligible entities that provide services to low-income individuals and families.

How to Apply: This money will be disbursed directly to states who will then allocate the funds to eligible institutions. One percent of state allocations must be used for benefit coordination services. States will receive this money from the Dept. of Health and Human Services. See <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbgr/> for more information.

Department of Interior

Program: **Historic Preservation Fund**
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Federal Funding: \$15 million

Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.

How to Apply: Funds will be available through competitive grants administered through the Department of Interior. Check www.grants.gov for the announcement of the grant openings.

Program: **Department of Interior - Construction**
Funding Agency: Department of Interior
Federal Funding: \$589 million

Description: Eligible projects include: major facility construction, road maintenance, abandoned mine cleanup, equipment replacement, and preservation and rehabilitation of historic assets.

How to Apply: The Department of Interior will have the discretion to award funding for projects currently backlogged.

Program: **Surveys, Investigations and Research**
Funding Agency: United States Geological Survey
Federal Funding: \$140 million

Description: The surveys should cover a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities, equipment replacement and upgrades, national map activities, and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects.

How to Apply: Discretionary funding will be administered through the United States Geological Survey. Visit www.usgs.gov for more information.

Department of Labor

Program: **Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve**
Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

How to Apply: These funds can be applied for through the Department of Labor as necessary.

Program: Youth Build

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: These funds will allow for expanded services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

How to Apply: These funds will be distributed through competitive grants through the Department of Labor. Grant information will be available as the Department of Labor administers the program at www.grants.gov.

Program: “Green” and Health Care Worker Training

Federal Funding: \$750 million

Description: These funds will be available through competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Grants will be awarded for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy. Grants will also be available to prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. These grants are also available to train workers for wireless and broadband deployment.

How to Apply: The Department of Labor will provide additional information as to how to apply as they administer this program. Please check www.grants.gov and www.dol.gov for more information.

Program: Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Federal Funding: \$120 million

Description: The Community Service Employment grants for older Americans are a community service and work based training program created in 1965. Through this program, older workers have access to the SCSEP services as well as other employment assistance available through the One-Stop Career Centers of the workforce investment system. The wages paid to these low-income seniors will provide a direct stimulus to the economies of local communities.

How to Apply: Nonprofit organizations may apply. Current grantees will be provided with the additional funding directly from the Department of Labor. Please check www.dol.gov or <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/> for more information.

Program: Job Corps

Federal Funding: \$250 million

Description: These funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth. The funds will allow the Office of Job Corps to move forward on a number of ready-to-go rehabilitation and construction projects. A portion of the funds will be available to provide additional training for careers in the energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental protection industries.

How to Apply: Discretionary funding will be used by the Office of Job Corps within the Department of Labor. Please visit <http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>.

Program: Workforce Investment Act Formula Grants

Federal Funding: \$2.95 billion

Description: This funding is for formula grants to states for training and employment services. The \$2.95 billion in federal funding will be divided into services for adults (\$500 million), services for youths (\$1.2 billion), and services for dislocated workers (\$1.25 billion).

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed to the states by formula.

Department of Energy

Program: Biomass from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Federal Funding: \$800 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for biomass research and development.

How to Apply: Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Program: Geothermal from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants and discretionary spending for geothermal technologies research and development.

How to Apply: Please check <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/> for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program. Federal grants can be found at www.grants.gov.

Program: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to local governments that are not eligible entities for grants through the formula. This program will assist eligible entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions, to reduce total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building and other appropriate sectors

How to Apply: Please check http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program.

Program: Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: Domestic manufacturing facilities are eligible for this funding. The Department of Energy will disburse this funding through competitive grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components.

How to Apply: Please check www.doe.gov or www.eere.energy.gov for additional information as the Department of Energy implements this program.

Program: Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: Funds will be distributed by competitive grants for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles through the DOE's Clean Cities program.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis through its Clean Cities Program, to state and local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and appropriate private entities to be used to purchase and demonstrate alternatively fueled vehicles that utilize fuel cell, electric, or hybrid drive system technologies. Please visit www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for the announcement following the program's implementation.

Program: Transportation Electrification

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: This funding is for a transportation electrical system construction program, authorized by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act, at transportation facilities, including seaports and truck stops.

How to Apply: The Department of Energy will administer these grants on a competitive basis. Please visit www.energy.gov, www.eere.energy.gov, and www.grants.gov for the announcement following the program's implementation.

Program: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability - Smart Grid Investment

Federal Funding: \$4.5 billion

Description: The existing transmission system in the United States requires modernization in light of increasing demand. This funding will provide for research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to meet the goal of developing a modern electric grid, enhancing security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitating recovery from disruptions to the energy supply. A smart grid is an approach to operating the nation's electricity transmission and distribution system using advanced digital technology to save energy and cost, and to allow demand response, use of storage technologies

(including plug-in hybrid batteries), integration of dispersed renewable and distributed generators, enhanced reliability and quicker repair of outages, and improved power quality.

How to Apply: There will be a regional demonstration initiative administered through the Department of Energy. There will also be 50% matching grants to states provided by the Department. More information will be available at www.energy.gov, www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm, and www.grants.gov.

Program: **Fossil Energy Research and Development**

Federal Funding: \$3.4 billion

Description: This funding provides funding for research, development, and demonstration of carbon sequestration, also known as carbon capture projects.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded competitively in the form of grants and contracts. Please check www.energy.gov, www.fossil.energy.gov, and www.grants.gov for more information as it is announced.

Program: **Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup**

Federal Funding: \$483 million

Description: This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs. Sites related to past nuclear activities are excluded.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded discretionally as well as competitively in the form of grants. Please check www.energy.gov and www.grants.gov for more information as it is announced.

Program: **Science**

Federal Funding: \$1.6 billion

Description: The Office of Science at the Department of Energy is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States, providing more than 40 percent of total funding for this vital area of national importance. It oversees – and is the principal federal funding agency of – the Nation’s research programs in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences. Independent scientific research provides the foundation for innovation and future technologies. But U.S. federal funding for research and development has declined steadily over the last decade. This funding will support improvements to DOE laboratories and scientific facilities to provide the foundation for research and development efforts.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check <http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html> for more information.

Program: **Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy**

Federal Funding: \$400 million

Description: Energy to support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy efficiency as authorized by the America COMPETES Act. The Department of Energy estimates that this amount of funding will support 50,000 jobs through research and construction of laboratory facilities.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

Program: **Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program**

Federal Funding: \$6 billion

Description: This new loan program would provide loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies. The \$6 billion is expected to support more than \$60 billion in loans for these projects. \$10 million from this \$6 billion will support the administrative expenses for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program.

How to Apply: After implementing this new loan program, more information will be available at www.energy.gov.

Program: Defense Environmental Cleanup

Federal Funding: \$5.127 billion

Description: This funding will accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the Nation's past nuclear activities. This funding will create jobs in environmental cleanup and remediation services; address legal requirements with states to perform mandated cleanup activities; and accelerate the completion of capital projects, shortening out-year mortgage costs.

How to Apply: Funds will be awarded by the Department of Energy. Please check www.energy.gov for more information.

Program: Weatherization Assistance Program

Federal Funding: \$5 billion

Description: Assists low-income families reduce their energy costs by sending funds to the states to weatherize low-income homes. Services include attic, wall and basement insulation, blower-door-guided air leakage reduction; heating system repairs or replacement; and health and safety testing and inspections. All measures are provided based on an on-site energy audit and on cost-effective guidelines. The program has been expanded to include households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The maximum allowed per household has been increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500.

How to Apply: Funds will be added to the State's Weatherization Program.

Program: State Energy Program

Federal Funding: \$3.1 billion

Description: The State Energy Program (SEP) provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices. States use grants to address their energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. This funding will provide resources for activities in state energy offices, including key initiatives such as residential, commercial and governmental building energy efficiency retrofits.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the State's discretion.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Program: Hazardous Substance Superfund

Federal Funding: \$600 million

Description: Funds are limited to the Superfund Remedial program. The Superfund Remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and the environment. Of the over 15,000 uncontrolled hazardous waste sites nation-wide, EPA currently has listed 1,255 sites on its National Priority List. It is these sites, selected based on a hazard ranking system, which would benefit from recovery funds.

How to Apply: The EPA will award these funds based on the National Priority List for Superfund Remedial sites. Please continue to check www.epa.gov or www.epa.gov/superfund for additional information.

Program: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Account

Federal Funding: \$200 million

Description: Through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program, EPA provides resources to states and territories for the oversight, enforcement and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks (USTs). EPA estimates that every year 7,570 new releases occur. Added to the number of sites not yet completed, there could be as many as 116,000 sites requiring clean up actions in 2009.

How to Apply: The EPA will award these funds based on their priority lists for the program. Please visit www.epa.gov as they continue to administer the program.

Program: **Brownfields Projects**

Federal Funding: \$100 million

Description: Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

How to Apply: Eligible entities include state, local and tribal governments, legislatures, general purpose units of local government, land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities and non-profit organizations. Grants will be distributed by federal agency on a competitive basis. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>, <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/pilot.htm>, or www.grants.gov for more information.

Program: **Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants**

Federal Funding: \$300 million

Description: Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.

How to Apply: Eligible entities include US regional, State, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality and non-profit organizations that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that operate diesel fleets. Visit www.grants.gov or <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/> for more information.

Program: **Clean Water State Revolving Funds**

Federal Funding: \$4 billion

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CWSRF program awards annual capitalization grants to states as a long-term source of state financing a) for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities, b) for the implementation of non-point water quality management activities, and c) for the development and implementation of comprehensive estuary conservation and management plans. The recovery funds will help address the \$388 billion funding gap.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by formula to the states. For more information visit <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>.

Program: **Drinking Water State Revolving Funds**

Federal Funding: \$2 billion

Description: The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides grants, distributed by formula, to states to capitalize their revolving loan funds which then finance drinking water infrastructure improvements. With the recovery funds, states would begin to address the \$274 billion funding gap estimated by EPA

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed by formula to the states. See <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/> for more info.

National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Program: **Grants and Administration**

Federal Funding: \$50 million

Description: Grant funding will be distributed in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. 40 percent of funds will be distributed to State arts agencies and regional arts organizations

in a manner similar to the agency's current process. 60 percent of the funds shall be for competitively selected arts projects and activities according to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965.

How to Apply: Grants will be distributed by the State of Maine and by the federal agency to non-profit organizations.

Tax Provisions Provided from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Program: Qualified School Construction Bonds

The bill creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). There is a national limitation on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by Indian tribal governments of \$400 million (\$200 million allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010). This proposal is estimated to cost \$9.877 billion over 10 years.

How to Apply: The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov.

Program: Extension and Increase in Authorization for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs)

The bill allows an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds, which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of interest. This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.045 billion over 10 years.

How to Apply: The taxpayer holding qualified school construction bonds on a credit allowance date is entitled to a tax credit. The amount of the tax credit is determined by multiplying the bond's credit rate by the face amount on the holder's bond. The tax credit will be received when taxes are filed with the IRS. Visit <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p954/ar02.html#d0e3636>.

Program: Tax Credit Bond Option for State and Local Governments ("Build America Bonds")

The Federal government provides significant financial support to State and local governments through the federal tax exemption for interest on municipal bonds. Both tax credit bonds and tax-exempt bonds provide a subsidy to municipalities by reducing the cash interest payments that a State or local government must make on its debt. Tax credit bonds differ from tax-exempt bonds in two principal ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a Federal tax credit. The Federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the State or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. For 2009 and 2010, this proposal provides State and local governments with the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. Because the market for tax credits is currently small given current economic conditions, the bill would allow the State or local government to elect to receive a direct payment from the Federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the Federal tax credit for bonds.

How to Apply: Please check www.treasury.gov for more information as they implement this program.

Program: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

This provision authorizes an additional \$2.4 billion of qualified energy conservation bonds to finance State, municipal and tribal government programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This

provision would also clarify that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs. This provision also clarifies that qualified energy conservation bonds may be used for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy-efficient property and recoup the costs of that property over an extended period of time.

How to Apply: Qualified participants will be able to utilize this bond program as it is developed. Check www.treasury.gov for additional information after this program is implemented.